

As a scientist, I am disgusted with the obviously partisan decision by Sinclair to air their Kerry smear piece days before the election. How can you not stop this!!!!?! The same group that refused to air the Dateline that simply listed the names of the soldiers who gave their lives for the war, claiming that was partisan?! This is the type of thing the FCC should be protecting us from.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve

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postcard. Thank you.